deficiencies in project appraisal and project management as well as external factors such as non-availability of raw materials, power shortage, financial bottlenecks, increase in overhead cost, etc.

(c) and (d) Besides providing a policy regime that facilitates and fosters growth and development of industry, steps undertaken by the Government for revival of sick industrial units *inter-alia* include setting up of the Board for Industrial and Financial Reconstruction, issue of guidelines by the Reserve Bank of India to banks for financial support and amalgamation of sick units with healthy units. Rehabilitation schemes *inter-alia* include restructuring of the capital, relief and concessions by Financial Institution/ Banks/Government by rescheduling of dues, induction of fresh funds by the promoters, Government assistance for public sector units, merger with other companies and change of management.

Growth trends of leather industry

4369. SHRI B.J. PANDA: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that our leather industry is on the up-swing and has moved on to a positive territory by achieving a good growth in dollar terms;

(b) if so, what are its growth trends and which are its international markets; and

(c) the kinds of incentives Government propose to give to this industry to help it further expand its business?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (SHRI E.V.K.S. ELANGOVAN): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The industry has seen a growth of more than 10% in U.S. dollars terms in the last two financial years. Leather and leather products are exported mainly to Germany, USA, Italy, UK, Hong Kong and Spain.

(c) The Government proposes to extend certain duty concessions and assist in certain promotional measures like brand promotion and creation of quality awareness, modernization and upgradation of laboratories and meeting legal expenses on trade related matters.